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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA WILL NOT ADDRESS FEB 18 UNSC OPEN SESSION
ON IRAQ

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1. Per reftel, DCM discussed Iraq's failure to disarm with Foreign Minister Gutierrez on February 17. Gutierrez was noncommittal. He requested a Spanish version of Secretary Powell's UNSC speech of February 14 (which Post will provide) and stated that Guatemala would not take the opportunity to speak at the Security Council's Open Meeting on February 18.